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In response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on September 13, 2003 in connection with this application and in accordance with Rule 116 of the Rules of Practice, please enter and consider the following remarks. Applicants also submit herewith: (1) a Second Declaration of Kevin M. Gorman Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, including as Exhibit 1, a copy of U.S. patent application Serial No.